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SUBJECT: ISRAELI AMBASSADOR FLIES TO MAURITIUS TO SEE PRIME
MINISTER

REF: TANANARIVE 1449

1. HAIM RAIH3), ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO MAURITIUS WITH RESIDENCE
IN TANANARIVE, ARRIVED MAURITIUS OCTOBER 20 AT SAME TIME PRIME
MINISTER RAMGTAM RETURNED FROM UNGA AND EUROPE.

2. ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TOLD CHARGE HE HOPED SEE PRIME MINISTER
PRIVATELY TO FOLLOW UP ON HIS GOVERNMENT'S AIM IN ENCOURAGING AS
MANY AFRICAN COUNTRIES AS POSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
WITH ISRAEL AT THIS TROUBLED TIME.

3. RAPHAEL HAD, IN FACT, A FEW WORDS WITH RAMGOOLAM PRIOR TO
LATTER'S AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE (SEPTTEL) AND DURING CONFERENCE,
PRIME MINISTER NOTED THAT EVEN IF SOUTH AFRICAN REFUSED BUY
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MAURITIAN TEA, ISRAEL WOULD DO SO.

COMMENT: APPARENTLY AMBASSADOR RAPHAEL HAD PRIOR INTIMATIONS OF NOW REPORTED "BREAK" IN ISRAEL'S RELATIONS WITH MADAGASCAR. IT MAY, IF FACT, HAVE BEEN LEFT TO MALAGASY CHARGE HERE TO PASS ALONG THE BAD NEWS, AS HE WAS SEEN IN UNHAPPY CONVERSATION WITH RAPHAEL AT AIRPORT. RAPHAEL SIAD HE PLANNED RETURN ON OCTOBER 21 FLIGHT TO TANANARIVE, BUT MIGHT COME BACK THIS WEEK TO SEE IF MAURITIUS INTENDED HOLD THE LINE ON RELATIONS. BELIEVE THIS MAY BE SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT CABINET MEETING, PROBABLY TO BE HELD OCTOBER 26.
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